Roads in Uttar Pradesh

†2908. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for construction of metalled roads in the backward districts of Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan together with the district-wise amount actually released;

(b) the amount actually spent on construction of roads in the backward districts during the said period together with the reasons for the balance amount remaining unspent; and

(c) the amount provided for connecting all the villages of the country particularly the villages of the backward districts of Uttar Pradesh with the major roads during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) District-wise information about the amount allocated, released and spent on construction of metalled roads is not maintained since the matter relates primarily to the State Governments.

(c) The objective of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide all weather road connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with population of 500 persons and above [250 persons in respect of Hill States of North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and the Desert Areas as identified in the Desert Development Programme as well as the Tribal (Schedule V) Areas] by the end of the Tenth Plan Period. During the first year of Tenth Plan Period (2002-03) an amount of Rs. 2469.00 crore has been released to States/UTs. In regard to Uttar Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 240.54 crore has been released.

House to BPL People

†2909. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one third population of the country is living below the poverty line;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.